

18 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Colby Reply to Hall Letter on COINS

1. I passed the draft DCI reply [redacted] information on 10 June. [redacted] thought the tone of the reply was too hard. He mentioned that since there was a question of what properly could be made available to the community, perhaps [redacted] would have some useful thoughts. He said he would get back to me.

2. This morning [redacted] told me that he thought it might be wise for the DCI to reply to Hall with a question about the future direction of DIA and Service plans for distributed production responsibility. Might COINS in time be subsumed into some larger network? This would have a bearing on how CIA would want to participate and on what CIA could contribute.

3. [redacted] intends to write a draft using this approach in the very near future and to show it to [redacted] hopes that you will buy it because it avoids the issues that are problems for the Intelligence Directorate. He said he would get back to me by Friday.

4. I had hoped that the draft would have been to the Executive Secretariat by now. I have a hernia operation scheduled for the 23rd of June and will be on leave till mid or late July. Before I leave on Friday, I'll do whatever remains for me to do to keep things moving.